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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in the Northern Portion of the Soviet Zone

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REMARKS

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1. Between 1000 and 1400 on 27 September 1954, 30 JS-2 and JS-3 tanks

and 10 JSU-122 guns

were detrained at the Neustrelitz railroad station
and left for the Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221). ¹

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2. At 1600 on 7 October, 20 new three-axle trucks were detrained at the Neustrelitz railroad station and left for the Neue Infanterie Kaserne.

3. At about 0600 on 3 October, tank and motor vehicle columns with guns reportedly left the barracks installations in Hilersleben and proceeded northward. Between 4 and 9 October, increased firing of artillery pieces and tank guns was heard from the training grounds in Haldensleben at day and night. On 8 October, motor vehicles

were seen en route toward Haldensleben. The
vehicles came from the direction of Planken. ²

4. On 6 October, columns with approximately 30 x 122-mm field howitzers, 15 heavy mortars, 25 medium AT guns and an undetermined number of trucks

were
seen on the Nauen-Schwerin road en route toward Schwerin. A column with 9
heavy tanks or SP guns was
seen in Ludwigslust. ³

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5. Prior to 0500 on 7 October, two shipments from Tangerhuetten were unloaded at the Potsdam freight station. Each of the shipments included 12 guns or gun howitzers, 12 tractors and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. At 1400, a third shipment from Tangerhuetten was unloaded at the Potsdam freight station. It consisted of 12 guns or gun howitzers, 12 tractors trucks
and an undetermined
number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

6. At 1000 on 7 October, a train of 12 SSy-type flatcars, 36 other flatcars and 18 boxcars was unloaded at the Potsdam-Wild park railroad station. The shipment, which included 12 guns or gun howitzers, and 12 tractors

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came from Tangerhuetten. Three additional shipments from Tangerhuetten were reportedly expected to arrive during the night on 7 October. 4

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7. Beginning in early October, 100 to 120 unarmed soldiers and officers with small baggage daily left the Fuerstenberg/Havel railroad station toward Templin aboard regular passenger trains. On 12 October, approximately 1,000 soldiers and officers were loaded onto boxcars which left toward Templin or Neustrelitz. The soldiers carried full pack. At 1015 on 13 October, a train of approximately 60 railroad cars including some carrying soldiers was seen at the Fuerstenberg/Havel railroad station. 5

1. Comment. Tank units of the 9th Gds Tank Div returned from exercises of the division in the Demmin area.

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2. Comment. Since not all of the units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div had returned to the post prior to 8 October, it is believed that elements of the division were still stationed in the southern portion of the Letzling Heath.

3. Comment. The units are believed to belong to the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and probably returned by road to their posts from the exercises of the Third Shock Army. The tanks observed in Ludwigslust belong to the 18th Mecz Div.

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4. Comment. Approximately 13 shipments of units of the 34th Army Div returned to Potsdam from the exercises of the Third Shock Army from Tangerhuetten and Mahlwinkel. The return of these units to Potsdam was previously reported.

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5. Comment. The personnel observed probably moved in connection with the personnel exchange of the Second Gds Mecz Army. A previous report stated that the personnel distribution point of the army was located in Tangerhuetten in 1953.

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